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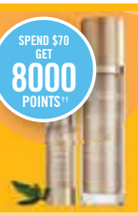

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MRI wait a ‘terror’ for family

Surrey. Boy with brain abnormality faces 18 uncertain months

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A Surrey mother says her family is living in terror as their nine-month-old son is being forced to wait twice his age for a MRI.

Logan Dombi was born prematurely, and the first few months of life have been difficult for the little boy.

In June, Logan experienced apnea while napping and briefly stopped breathing.

The next month, he had a seizure.

An EEG showed an abnormality on the right side of his brain, but now the Dombi family must wait an excruciating 18 months for a sedated MRI scan at B.C. Children’s Hospital.

The long wait list for the procedure, which requires a specialized anesthesiologist, is almost too much to bear.

Quoted

“As a parent you just don’t know, your mind goes through the worst-case scenarios. So much can happen between now and next December.”

Jill Dombi, mom of nine-month-old Logan

“We’re shocked,” said Logan’s mother Jill Dombi, 28. “By the time he has his MRI he’ll be two years old. The brain develops at a rapid pace in that time, and we don’t even know what’s wrong with him. We don’t sleep very well because we’re concerned he’ll have another episode.”

Dombi has begun a letter-writing campaign to MLAs and health authorities, begging the government to invest in changes to a system that she claims prevents children from getting timely care.

She has also set up a website at changeforkidsbc.webs.com and started an online petition.

“No kid should have to wait that long and no parents should be living in terror for that long,” said Dombi. “There are a lot of kids on this list who have serious health problems and need an MRI now. They should have timely access to the health care they deserve.”

Sue Hammell’s office confirmed the Surrey-Green Timbers MLA is looking into the case, but said the NDP representative is not prepared to comment publicly.

Vancouver Coastal Health spokesperson Gavin Wilson told Metro that priority access to diagnostic imaging is determined by physicians and that he sympathized with families that need to wait longer.

“We can imagine how difficult it would be for any parent waiting for a test for their child,” Wilson said. “In emergency cases there is no wait time. But it’s a matter of looking at the cases and determining which are the most urgent.”

Jill Dombi poses with her nine-month-old son, Logan, who has suffered from apnea and seizures but faces an 18-month wait for a sedated MRI scan at B.C. Children’s Hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Jockey eyes next victory

Mario Gutierrez, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, will race in the B.C. Derby Sunday PAGE 4

’Tis the season?

Holiday merchandise is making its way onto store shelves as retailers cash in on the Christmas Creep PAGE 8

Action-star ambition

Milla Jovovich, the face of the latest Resident Evil film, is mulling a new project: An all-female Expendables PAGE 22

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Victoria

Human-remains probe now up to 5 child shoes

A Victoria Police investigation into a human-remains hoax is growing after the discovery of two more child-sized shoes on the same beach where three shoes were found last week.

Police said they believe the placement of the five shoes at the popular Clover Point beach area is connected and they're asking those responsible to come forward before they're found and arrested.

Det.-Const. Lori Beauvais, of the Victoria Police major-crimes squad, was at Clover Point Thursday where she placed the five toddler-sized shoes on a table.

She said three shoes — one pair and a single — were found on Aug. 30 and two more children's shoes were found on Aug. 31, a short distance from the original discovery.

Beauvais said three of those shoes were stuffed with meat and bones meant to look like human remains, similar to other runners found on B.C. beaches in the last five years with human feet inside.

She said tests revealed the meat inside the shoes was not human.

Further tests could reveal the meat in the shoes was some kind of poultry.

Beauvais said the meat looked like chicken drumsticks.

An odour of rotting meat and seaweed wafted from the shoes police had on display.

"They (shoes) were purposely set to be found," Beauvais said.

"They looked authentic."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark listens as former B.C. attorney general Geoff Plant speaks after he was appointed chief legal strategist for the government on the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline proposal Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. shut down at Gateway hearings

Enbridge. Lawyer's questions about oil-spill insurance deemed inappropriate by panel chairman

The B.C. government arrived at the Northern Gateway pipeline hearings in Edmonton with its environment minister, its former attorney general and a binderful of questions, only to get shut down for being out of bounds.

Elisabeth Graff, the lawyer for the province, was stopped moments into her cross-examination Thursday of pipeline builder Enbridge.

Graff was asking Northern Gateway president John Carruthers about the insurance for oil-spill disasters when panel chairman Sheila Leggett intervened.

Leggett reminded Graff the Edmonton hearings are to focus on the economic impacts of the project and that disaster preparedness is being dealt with at upcoming hearings in B.C.

Graff said there had been consultation with Enbridge on the topics to be covered and that any overlap with other hearings would be minimal.

Not good enough, said Leggett. "We have, as the panel, taken great pains to set these issues up in a way that we believed would be logical and would be in a manner so that we wouldn't have any overlap," said Leggett.

"That's an important piece for us as far as having an efficient and effective process."

The exchange happened late Thursday afternoon. By then, B.C. Environment Minister Terry Lake and former attorney general Geoff Plant had left the hearings to catch a flight home. Graff is expected to resume Friday with questions on the corporate structure of the project.

Enbridge is seeking federal approval to build a $6-billion pipeline to ship oilsands crude from the Edmonton area to Kitimat on the B.C. coast, where it would then be shipped to markets in Asia.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Question and answer

Earlier Thursday, at a news conference held at the Vancouver Airport, B.C. Premier Christy Clark announced Plant had been hired to oversee the questions the province will ask Carruthers and six Enbridge economists at the hearings in Alberta and the upcoming ones starting next month in B.C.

- "He's going to be making sure that we get the answers to the questions that we need," said Clark. "He understands politics, and our coastline."

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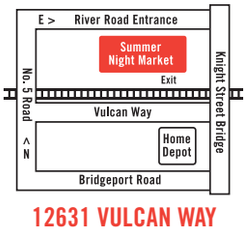

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Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winning jockey Mario Gutierrez remains humble after stellar year and sets eyes on adding B.C. Derby to his win list.

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1 No horsing around. Race, rest, repeat

Jockey Mario Gutierrez cosies up to Courtroom Kiss Wednesday at the Hastings Racecourse.

Gutierrez will race on Saturday, which is also Mario Gutierrez Bobblehead Day. Gutierrez will ride Hoist in Sunday's B.C. Derby.

The young jockey will then take a much-deserved two-week break after the two races and spend time with his family and friends.

2 Dream team. Fruitful collaboration

Horse owner Glen Todd, left, and trainer Troy Taylor have been the support and driving force for Mario Gutierrez's career.

Wild ride continues for local jockey

Mario Gutierrez wants to add the B.C. Derby to his long list of accomplishments in his magical year.

The 2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winning jockey will race Sunday at Hastings Racecourse.

Gutierrez said he's more excited than nervous about being back in familiar ground.

"Though I feel a little bit pressured because everybody's cheering for me and they think I have to win everything," he told Metro. "At the same time, I don't want to disappoint anybody, and do the best I can in every single race."

The 25-year-old, who was denied a chance at horse racing's Triple Crown when I'll Have Another, the horse he rode to stunning victories at the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, was pulled prior to the Belmont Stakes, said he wants to win aboard Hoist for horse owner Glen Todd, who is a friend and mentor to Gutierrez.

Todd has yet to win a B.C. Derby.

And Gutierrez said winning won't be easy.

"(The other jockeys are) much more competitive now," he said. "They make my job a little bit harder, but that's what the sport is all about.... They definitely want to beat me more than before."

The jockey, who's captured the hearts of horse-racing fans for his unassuming personality, said his journey for the Triple Crown has opened a lot of doors for him.

He's travelled to places he's never been to and also met a lot of celebrities — he appeared on Jimmy Fallon and he's texting buddies with CSI: Miami and Magic Mike star Adam Rodriguez.

Gutierrez said he'll always have a special bond with I'll Have Another but he's excited to feel that same spark with another horse.

"I guess I'll do the same as my other jockey friends for the next one," he added. "You never know. You just have to be lucky in life sometimes."

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Health Ministry. RCMP called to investigate conflict allegations

B.C.'s Health Minister has called in the RCMP after an internal probe into the relationship between university researchers seeking grants and some employees in the ministry division that decide what drugs B.C.'s Pharmacare program covers.

Margaret MacDiarmid said Thursday she's shocked the internal investigation found evidence of potential conflict of interest and inappropriate conduct.

MacDiarmid, appointed health minister on Wednesday in a government cabinet shuffle, said the matter is serious enough to prompt the ministry to delay approval of Pharmacare coverage for some drugs.

"I am profoundly disappointed," she said. "I can't really overstate how deeply troubled I am over this. What we're talking about today is in the area of drug research."

MacDiarmid said four ministry employees have been fired and three others have been suspended with pay.

She said two contractors, who had agreements worth $4 million, were suspended and their access to data put on hold.

MacDiarmid said the investigation involves the abuse of drug-research information — improperly using British Columbians' personal medical information for research purposes — but so far has not found any monetary gains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"What we believe has happened is that individuals have gone outside of the rules around taking data and using data with respect to research in the area of drugs."

Health Minister Margaret MacDiarmid

Sexual assault. Police arrest 70-year-old man in historical case

Police have arrested a 70-year-old Vancouver man in relation to a series of historical sexual assaults dating back to 1971.

Abraham Kiewiet was charged with five counts of indecent assault on a male and five counts of gross indecency.

Police say they acted on information provided to them by a third party in June. They believe the alleged offences occurred between 1971 and 1982 while Kiewiet was employed by the Vancouver Park Board.

During that time, Kiewiet taught at the Vancouver Lifeguard School and volunteered at the YMCA aquatics safety program. SUZANNE MA/FOR METRO

Const. Randy Fincham of the Vancouver Police Department speaks to reporters Thursday. SUZANNE MA/FOR METRO

Dozens of protesters came together outside Vancouver's Pan Pacific Hotel on Thursday where Prime Minister Stephen Harper discussed Canada's economic relationship with Asia. SUZANNE MA/FOR METRO

Protesters harp on prime minister

Unofficial opposition. Variety of advocacy groups united to fight against 'common enemy'

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Dozens of protesters held up colourful banners and signs, waved flags and chanted slogans Thursday outside Vancouver's Pan Pacific Hotel, where Prime Minister Stephen Harper was discussing Canada's economic relationship with Asia.

The protesters came from a variety of advocacy groups, uniting to fight against what many referred to on Thursday as a "common enemy."

There were people calling on the prime minister to stand up for women's rights and to protect the interests of the First Nations. There were environmentalist and those who said they were protesting against capitalism and large corporations.

Some called for the protection of Iraq War deserters who fled to Canada and now face deportation, while others held signs protesting the Northern Gateway pipeline, a project strongly opposed by many in the province.

Reggie Findlay hoisted a large sign depicting a green dinosaur encircled in red.

"No dinosaur fuel, no dinosaur technology, no dinosaur attitude, no extinction of the species," said the 52-year-old. "I'd like the prime minister to grow a heart and take a camping trip along one of the rivers that he's putting at risk. I am here today because I have to answer to my grandchildren and say that I tried."

Dr. Stephen Collis, an associate professor of English at Simon Fraser University, participated in Thursday's protest and said the loosely formed coalition was an exciting development for activists in Vancouver.

"A lot of people are more willing to collaborate and work together," he said. "That suggests this is a movement that can have legs and can build over time, a movement to oppose the kind of policies that this government has put into place."

The prime minister was making an appearance at Bloomberg's Canada-Asia Dialogue conference Thursday afternoon before embarking on his trip to Russia for the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Leaders' Summit.

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Let it go, let it go, let it go. Shoppers get frustrated at early Christmas sales

Halloween candies in August, Christmas wreaths in July.

Seasonal items are creeping onto shelves earlier each year — and raising the ire of consumers.

In Vancouver, shoppers can already buy tree ornaments in stores like Costco and Sears, and Canadian Tire expects to put up seasonal displays by the end of the month.

Chris Morran, deputy editor at consumerist.com, said holiday trinkets go on sale in the early summer in U.S.

More and more, stores are following the trend, which The Consumerist has dubbed Christmas Creep. But Morran said they wouldn't be doing it if consumers weren't shelling out the cash.

As stores clear out last year's singing Santas, bargain-hunters flock in looking for discounts.

But not everyone celebrates Christmas in July.

"People get really irritated when it's (32 C) outside and they walk into a store and they see Christmas lights on sale and wreaths and nativity scenes," he said.

For those who find the holiday season stressful, sales on stockings and tinsel are just a reminder of the busy months ahead. And extending the Christmas shopping season makes the once-a-year event less special, he said.

Christmas may be the worst offender, but it isn't the only one.

Some stores started putting up back-to-school displays in June, before summer vacation even begins, said Morran. And you no longer have to wait until March for Easter-themed candies. Those go on sale right after New Year's in some stores.

Seasonal products are creeping back so early, they're pushing items relating to the current holiday off store shelves, said Morran.

Last year, he checked in on a few stores in late October.

"By that point their Halloween displays had been whittled down (to) a table, while Christmas had taken up two full rows in some of these stores," he said.

"People who want to wait or have a need for last-minute Halloween shopping … they may be getting short shrift."

ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

Whitecaps announce new training centre

Vancouver Whitecaps FC captain Jay Demerit, right, and midfielder Russell Teibert practise with children from U-Hill Elementary and Hastings Elementary during a Whitecaps community clinic at the University of B.C. Thursday. The provincial government, the 'Caps and the university announced the creation of a world-class soccer-training centre that will feature a state-of-the-art field house and five soccer fields. The Whitecaps will move to the new training grounds in spring of 2013. COURTESY VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD

Long dispute

Rocky Mountaineer reaches agreement

A tentative contract has been reached with just over 100 on-board attendants working for Rocky Mountaineer rail lines.

Company spokesman Ian Robertson says the dispute has been long and challenging for everyone, but believes the contract is fair and appropriate for the economic times.

Teamsters members will hold a ratification vote on Saturday.

The union was locked out after serving strike notice on June 22 of last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stable condition

Man shot during suspected car theft

A man was shot in Surrey last night during a suspected carjacking.

Police say the man was taken to hospital and is listed in stable condition after having surgery.

The RCMP are still trying to determine what happened. The man's car has not been found.

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Stylish reusable containers aim to kick trash to the curb

Tiffin Project. Diners who bring tiffins to participating eateries will receive a discount

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Chic, reusable containers called tiffins aim to change the wasteful way Vancouver eats its takeout. But they could be setting up restaurants for a bit of a bellyache.

More than 25,000 tonnes of takeout containers are trucked to Vancouver's landfill each year. And the Tiffin Project works to reduce that waste through its namesake metal containers. Diners who bring the tiffins to participating restaurants receive a discount on their meal — and can feel good about tossing one less Styrofoam container in the garbage.

Garzita, the general manager of Tacofino, who goes only by his last name, said signing on to join forces with the Tiffin Project was a "no-brainer."

"The truth is we're just hippies. We want to conduct business but not destroy the planet," he said.

But just as tiffins reduce Garzita's environmental footprint, they could be prove to be a stomachache for restaurants.

For example, if a tiffin is contaminated with bacteria when it's filled with a Killer Fish Taco, the customer could blame Tacofino for their long night on the toilet. "There's always that risk. I'm not going to lie," said Garzita.

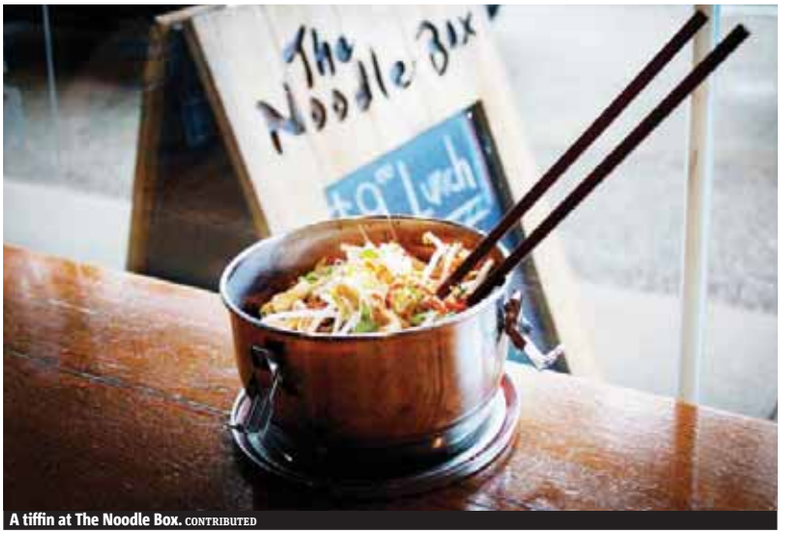
Currently, the restaurant is responsible if a customer gets sick. But Tiffin Project founder Hunter Moyes said he has planned for that.

Some restaurants wash tiffins before they fill them, others can refuse a customer if their container appears unsanitary.

For more information, visit thetiffinproject.com.

Cost breakdown

- Tiffins sell for $25 apiece. The first $15 covers the cost of the tiffin, $5 goes to toward keeping the project running, $1 compensates the restaurants for the discount, and the final $4 brings local food to the menus of participating establishments.



A tiffin at The Noodle Box. CONTRIBUTED

National Energy Board cites Enbridge in safety paper

As Enbridge attempts to sell its controversial Northern Gateway pipeline project, the National Energy Board is examining the broader issue of pipeline safety and pointing to Enbridge's devastating spill along Michigan's Kalamazoo River two years ago as an example of why the industry needs to change.

The National Energy Board released a discussion paper Thursday in advance of a forum on pipeline safety, planned for next June, citing several incidents including the 2010 Kalamazoo spill to argue the industry must to put a renewed focus on environmental safety.

The paper comes as a joint review panel, representing both the energy board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Authority, examines the potential risks associated with the Northern Gateway pipeline between Alberta's oil sands and the British Columbia coast.

The National Energy Board announced an action plan last year designed to ensure pipelines are safe for workers and the environment. Part of that plan includes next year's forum in Calgary, which will invite the industry to examine safety issues in oil-and-gas management and brainstorm ways to address them.

The board posted a brief paper to its website that notes the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010, which killed 11 workers and caused the worst offshore spill in American history, dramatically changed the public debate over the industry and its safety record.

The BP disaster was followed by several "notable pipeline incidents," the paper says, including a Pacific Gas pipeline explosion in California in 2010, a spill in Alberta in 2011 along a Plains Midstream Canada pipeline and the Enbridge spill in Michigan.

A U.S. safety-board report likened Enbridge's response to the Michigan spill to the bumbling "Keystone Kops" for failing to detect the leak and then responding poorly.

"These events and others demonstrate the need for the energy sector to put renewed focus on safety and environmental protection," says the six-page paper.

The National Energy Board paper says three areas must be addressed by the industry: corporate leadership, effective management, and the lack of tools to assess risk and measure safety performance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"These events and others demonstrate the need for the energy sector to put renewed focus on safety and environmental protection."
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Fracking blamed for B.C. quakes. Gas extraction caused tremors: Regulator

A spate of small earthquakes in B.C.'s remote northeastern corner were caused by a controversial technique used to extract natural gas from shale rock, says a report by the province's energy regulator.

The B.C. oil-and-gas commission launched its probe after a "number of anomalous, low-level seismic events" were detected in the Horn River Basin, a gas-rich shale formation that's attracted some of the industry's biggest players.

"The investigation has concluded that the events observed within remote and isolated areas of the Horn River Basin between 2009 and 2011 were caused by fluid injection during hydraulic fracturing in proximity to pre-existing faults," the agency said in a recent report.

In order to break the rock and free the gas trapped inside of it, companies inject a combination of water, sand and chemicals underground at high pressure.

The process, known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has drawn concern from environmentalists and landowners for the amount of water the process requires and for potential contamination of groundwater.

Studies have also linked fracking to earthquakes around shale formations in England and Oklahoma.

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Lethal injection

U.S. judge gives hope to Canadian on death row

A Canadian who is fighting for his life on Montana's death row scored a minor legal victory Thursday after a judge declared the state's method of execution unconstitutional. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a civil lawsuit in 2008 on behalf of Ronald Smith that argued the lethal injections the state uses are cruel and unusual punishment and violate the right to human dignity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hurricane is, like, totally tubular for N.S. surfers

A surfer rides the waves in Seaforth, Nova Scotia, on Thursday. The ocean swell is starting to increase due to Hurricane Leslie, which could hit Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador early next week.

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Bill charms Democrats

Party's keeping up with the Clintons

Bill Clinton's speech to the Democratic National Convention may also have started setting the stage for another White House bid by his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The former president portrayed Barack Obama as a sensible pragmatist who put aside political grudges for the good of the U.S.

"He appointed cabinet members who supported Hillary in the primaries. Heck, he even appointed Hillary!" Clinton said. "I'm so proud of her."

The former president didn't mention his wife again, but the subtext was clear: The Clintons remain a force in the Democratic Party.

Obama's defeat of Hillary Clinton in a battle for the Democratic nomination in 2008 left considerable bitterness on both sides. Clinton's endorsement Wednesday night represented the final reconciliation between the Democratic heavyweights.

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Obama urges voters to stick with him for four more years

Democratic convention. U.S. president's task ahead of election is to woo substantial bloc of independent voters in key swing states who will determine outcome of election

U.S. President Barack Obama implored recession-weary Americans to grant him a second term on Thursday in an address that stood in stark contrast to the message of hope he delivered four years ago.

"When all is said and done — when you pick up that ballot to vote — you will face the clearest choice of any time in a generation," said Obama, his wife and two daughters looking on, as he officially accepted his party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Quoted

"The path we offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place. And I'm asking you to choose that future."

U.S. President Barack Obama

"It will be a choice between two different paths for America. A choice between two fundamentally different visions for the future."

Obama acknowledged the path he's offering Americans won't be quick or easy.

"You didn't elect me to tell you what you wanted to hear. You elected me to tell you the truth. And the truth is, it will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over decades."

Nonetheless, he said, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

"Know this, America: Our problems can be solved. Our challenges can be met."

After a first term bogged down by a devastating economic recession and Republican efforts to deny him four more years, Obama is now urging Americans to stay the course.

Some of the heaviest hitters of the Democratic party have been on hand all week to deliver the same message to Americans: Vote for Obama on Nov. 6 to enable him to continue turning the country's fortunes around.

On Thursday, Vice-President Joe Biden spoke of his perspective from a "ringside seat" in the Oval Office.

"Osama bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive," Biden exclaimed to cheering Democratic delegates.

"Day after day, night after night, I sat beside him as he made one gutsy decision after another to stop the (economic) slide and reverse it."

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks on stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention at Time Warner Cable Arena on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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Amazon redoubles efforts to fight Apple with Kindle Fire

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos unveils new Kindle reading devices at a press conference on Thursday in Santa Monica, Calif. Amazon is updating its Kindle Fire tablet computer, as it steps up competition with Apple's iPad, and refreshing its whole line of Kindle gadgets. The basic model will cost $159 US, down from $199 for the old model. It will start shipping Sept. 14, though there are no immediate plans for a Canadian launch. It's also coming with high-end versions, including ones with a screen nearly as big as the iPad. Amazon also refreshed its line of stand-alone e-readers. Called Paperwhite, the new e-reader model has a black-and-white screen. DAVID MCNEW/GETTY IMAGES

Second Canadian recession still possible: Moody's

Debt. Study finds that consumer spending may drop as debt-to-income ratio hits record high

There is more than a 20 per cent risk of Canada falling into a second recession — and though much of that risk comes from outside our borders, Canadians' sky high debt loads could push the economy over the edge, warns a new report from Moody's Analytics.

With debt-to-income ratios at an all-time high around 150 per cent, Canadians have stretched themselves to the limit since the recession and have left little head room to buffer against another economic downturn, Moody's suggests in the report released Thursday.

"With the economy now relying heavily on the continued expansion of household spending, any retrenchment in the consumer sector will likely place the economy on the brink of a second recession," the report's authors say.

The study — "Storm Clouds Gather Around Canadian Consumer Credit" — says while Canada has managed to outperform other G7 countries since the recession it has been propped up by consumer spending, while exports continue to lag.

Statistics Canada reported last week that the economy grew at an annual rate of 1.8 per cent in the second quarter. That beat analyst expectations, but it was the third quarter in a row for sluggish performance below two per cent.

And there is potential for exports to further weaken, given the very real possibility that Europe's debt crisis could deepen and spill over to other countries, and the fiscal crisis that Canada's largest trading partner, the U.S., is also facing.

"The situation that Canada faces is much riskier than in 2007-2008 when the first global financial crisis occurred," said Mark Hopkins, a senior economist at Moody's Analytics and one of the authors of the report.

With Canadians so deep in debt, it would be extremely difficult for domestic spending to pick up slack if things started to go downhill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Causes

- **Debt.** Due to record debts accrued over the first recession, domestic spending is unlikely to support the economy.
- **Jobs.** Income from exports with trade partners are not materializing, leading to weaker jobs.
- **Income.** Income growth has slowed and interest rates are expected to rise.

Mortgage restrictions. TD Bank says new rules may cool housing market

TD Bank says tighter mortgage rules should do the job of cooling Canada's hot housing market in the short term, but higher interest rates will be needed to return the market to saner levels.

The bank's chief economist Craig Alexander estimates the new rules, which went into effect July 9, will shave five percentage points off sales activity and cut prices by three per cent on average during the second half of this year and early 2013.

In the next three years, he expects the combination of the tighter rules and anticipated modest increases in interest rates will result in a 10 per cent price correction on homes.

While it is early, there are already tentative signs that the new rules have tempered sales, if not prices, especially in the country's hottest markets — Toronto and Vancouver.

In July, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty reduced the amortization rate on new insured mortgages to 25 years from 30, bringing the maximum period for paying off a home back to the historic level. It was the fourth time Flaherty had tightened mortgage rules in as many years.

Alexander says the latest moves, which hike mortgage costs by $140 a month on the average priced home, may be even more effective than the previous efforts in slowing the market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Housing sales

5%

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Hungary

PM unfriends IMF on Facebook

Hungary's prime minister has just used Facebook to unfriend the International Monetary Fund.

Viktor Orban said Thursday in a brief video message on his official Facebook page that Hungary could not accept alleged conditions such as pension cuts and the elimination of a disputed bank tax in exchange for a loan of around $15 billion US. Orban said his government would work on an "alternative negotiation proposal" but that a deal under such IMF demands would be unacceptable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flying fuel

Delta looks to buy cheaper oil

Delta Air Lines Inc. is looking into buying cheaper crude oil from North Dakota to supply its new refinery, instead of the more expensive crude from overseas that the refinery has used in the past. Delta bought the refinery near Philadelphia earlier this year to cut its fuel expenses by $300 million US per year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 **I am woman, hear me roar, in French.** Note to newly elected Quebec premier Pauline Marois: First, please know that there is no adequate French term for "Smoked meat" or "Bagels." Second, if you achieve your goal of separation, whose picture goes on the money? Celine Dion? Guy Lafleur? Give it some thought.

2 **Spare the rod.** The Canadian Medical Association Journal says it's time to repeal Criminal Code Section 43, which allows parents to physically discipline their children. Apparently, several bills to ban corporal punishment have failed in the House of Commons as recently as 2008. If this is true, where are these parents when these kids are kicking my seat on the plane?

3 **Growing up Disney.** Selena Gomez sheds her wholesome image in the new film Spring Breakers. The movie apparently features scantily clad girls doing drugs, which Gomez admits may be "shocking" to her fans. Now, Selena is adorable, but I'd consider it "shocking" to see her in a movie I actually wanted to watch.

4 **Monkey business.** Wildlife trading on the web has now reached dangerous proportions. As a result, more than 7,500 species of animals are at risk of extinction. Sites like eBay are being asked to implement stricter regulations, but I'm more interested in the delivery. I can barely find an Xpresspost box to send my mom a coat, but people are shipping rhinoceros? That's gotta be a lot of stamps.

5 **Day job.** Former football star Michael Strahan fulfilled his 2008 prophecy by becoming Kelly Ripa's new co-host. After winning the Super Bowl, Regis Philbin asked what he wanted to do next. Strahan replied: "Your job looks pretty good." I've used that line at every job interview, and it has never worked.

6 **Get Smart-phone.** Millions of Apple device IDs, which track user activity, were uncovered by hackers on an FBI agent's laptop. The news sparked tremendous public outcry regarding what American's claim is a breach of privacy. Government officials across the country were surprised to hear that the term "privacy" was still in use.

7 **TIFF is back with a vengeance.** A little Shakespeare here, some Tolstoy there, and a Spike Lee documentary about Michael Jackson. I've got my eyes on Jack Kerouac's On the Road starring the princess of pout, Kristen Stewart. Mostly because I was never intoxicated enough to finish the book, but also because Stewart might be one relationship question away from an epic hissy fit that could make YouTube history, and it would be nice to see it happen in Canada.

8 **CIFF, not TIFF.** There's a buzz surrounding a film that will be unveiled at the Calgary International Film Festival. Mr. Viral is a dark comedy thriller about viral marketing that's been described as Mad Men meets Fight Club. In a novel attempt to raise money, producers offered subliminal photo placement to small online investors, so don't be surprised if you leave the theatre with the mysterious urge to call your ex-girlfriend.

Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan
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9 **Long and Winding Road.** On this day in 1964, The Beatles played two shows at the old Montreal Forum, in English.

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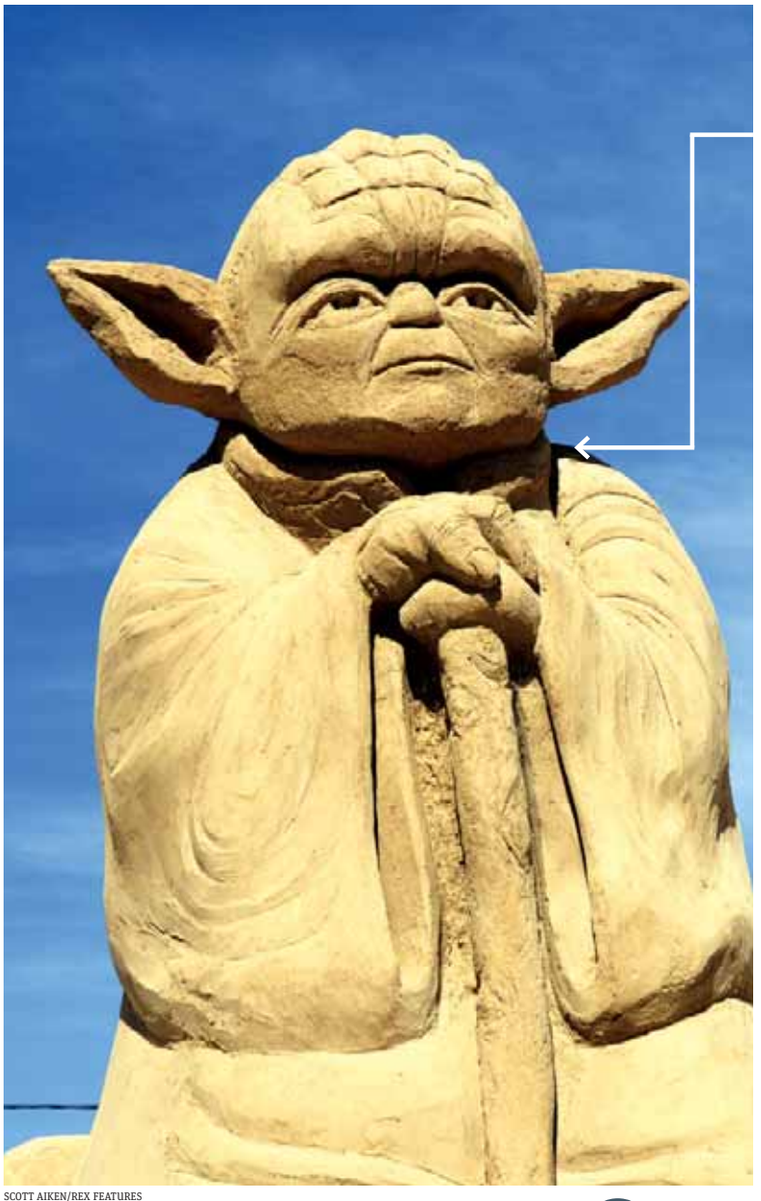
Strong is the Force on this beach



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FIESA 2012

The sand championships

Jedi master Yoda gets a holiday makeover at the FIESA 2012 International Sand Sculpture Festival in Portugal. It is the largest such festival in the world and this is the 10th anniversary. Each year, about 60 artists take part, and this edition's theme is "Idols." Masterpieces include Michael Jackson and Portugese soccer star Eusebio. METRO

The White House at a U.S. sand show. GETTY IMAGES

Rival festivals

Portugal may have the biggest sand festival, but is it the best?

- **Harrison Hot Springs.** Canadian site that has hosted World Championships.
- **Weston-super-Mare.** U.K. event has taken place since 2005, but was vandalized this year.

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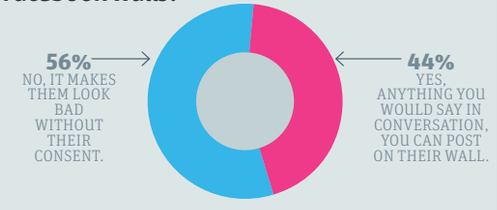
Is it OK to use expletives on your friends' Facebook walls?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@hollyereid: Long overdue in my opinion but huge congrats to one of my heroes Dave Barrett for receiving the Order of BC: http://ow.ly/dwn30 #bcpoli

@JordanTSimmons: Congrats @AKimCampbell on receiving Order of BC! #bcpoli

@K_Randall: Cheers to @GeoffreyPlant for calling @adriandix out on his comparison of a National Energy Board hearing to an episode of Matlock. #bcpoli

@BrentButt: One of my fav song lyrics: "Close but kinda meatless, like actors who play Jesus in movies of the week." @oddsmusic - 'Someone Who Is Cool'

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A film about the beauty of language should be better written than The Words. HANDOUT

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Story falls flat in film about storytelling

The Words. Flimsy characters, an ending filled with ennui and a pretentious premise make this movie about a novelist one to miss

Richard: Mark, words fail me. Or should I say, The Words failed me. A movie about the beauty of language should be better written than this. Let's put aside the bizarre story-within-a-story-within-a-movie structure for a second and focus on the words themselves. We are supposed to believe the Dennis Quaid character is a master wordsmith, but when he reads from his book it's as if he's reciting a police report. "And on a Friday afternoon, they were married at City Hall. They honeymooned in Paris." Where's the art in that?

Mark: Well, Richard, maybe the Quaid character is a Hemingway acolyte. And there are numerous references to him in the film. But what the movie is about is the power of storytelling. So how about this? Just tell the story! What is the purpose of the Quaid framing device except to show off Olivia Wilde's doe eyed frozen smirk?

RC: Perhaps it was seen as another opportunity for different characters to mouth platitudes. The blurred line between real life and fiction could have been an interesting plot device, but instead is just pretentious and dull. Are we supposed to take any of this seriously when the deepest any character gets is to tell us that great artists must choose between life and fiction? "They're very close, but they're two different things." Thanks for clearing that up.

MB: The movie actually sucked me in for the first half. Then it just sucked. I liked Jeremy Irons but I found that everyone's motivations were completely phony. And doesn't Bradley Cooper know that Paul Dano has the franchise rights to playing struggling novelists this year? And for a movie that's all about the gift of narrative, could someone have written an ending?

RC: I hate to just pile up on this movie, but it doesn't leave me with many options. Irons has something going until he says, "Wait, this is when it gets interesting." If only he were right. It's all just so earnest and poorly told, as if it is a lesson in how NOT to describe a writer's life. The abrupt ending didn't bother me that much. I was just glad it was over.

MB: I thought the movie was setting us up for a blackmail thriller, which would have been obvious, but nothing could have been as bad as the bloodless, whimpering ennui of the last third of this film.

Synopsis

Dennis Quaid plays Clay Hammond, a bestselling author reading from his book The Words. He spins the tale of Rory (Bradley Cooper), a struggling writer who publishes a manuscript he found tucked inside an antique briefcase. Taking credit for the words, he is forced to face his bad deed when the author of the book, an old man who lost the manuscript 50 years before, enters his life.

- Richard:
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Milla Jovovich likes hotel shampoo, and her job as queen zombie killer

Resident Evil franchise. Star of series talks about fifth film and the possibility of a female version of the Expendables

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Milla Jovovich is on her fifth installment of the Resident Evil franchise, and she's not about to slow down. HANDOUT

When I first see Milla Jovovich, she's carrying a handful of hotel toiletries to her bag, explaining that she's taking them home with her. "I have guest rooms, and I think it's super-chic to put them out, and then when people are finished with them, either they buy their own or they know it's time to leave," she explains. "I can obviously afford to buy shampoo, but it's a principle thing, right?" Jovovich certainly can afford any toiletries she wants, since her zombie-fighting film series is up to its fifth installment, Resident Evil: Retribution, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

When you get to the fifth film in a franchise, how do you keep track of the story?

I'm married to the writer-director. That helps. Because literally, I think up until last year I totally thought Alice was the bad guy. And Paul [W.S. Anderson] was like, "No, but don't you remember in No. 1, the whole flashback sequence?" And I was like, "Are you sure?" And he's like, "I wrote the script. I think I'm sure." But pretty much there is no script. Michelle [Rodriguez] and I like to say that Paul just has a video camera and presses record. So it's pretty much like reality TV.

There's talk of an all-female version of the Expendables.

We're the ones that set it up. Paul and I have an idea for a female Expendables project, but Expendables is a very conceptual film, so how do you translate that into a female genre without being derivative? There's not that many girls that you would associate with that, do you know what I mean? There are many more guys that are known as action stars than women, so how would you make a female Expendables in that way? It's tough, but we have a really interesting idea that I won't tell you about right now, but it's really cool and it would be sort of like a female Expendables. It would be strong women taking vengeance.

Milla's Twitter rule

- **Devote the time.** "If I'm going to tweet, I need to tweet and be able to have an hour to tweet. I can't just tweet one thing and then disappear. It's a Russian thing. I'm a guilt-ridden human being, I live in guilt. Always. If I'm going to tweet, I want to chat, I want to have quality time. I could not tweet for a month, which I think is OK, but when I do tweet, I give them a good hour of my time. I don't want to be halfway there."

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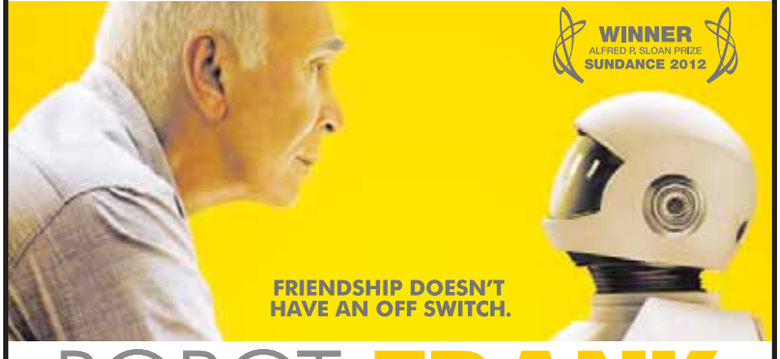

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Roger Ebert talks about the 'escalator of terror' and other TIFF memories

A critic's take. World's most famous cinephile shares his favourite parts of Toronto's fest, but won't play the 'best picks' game

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Roger Ebert, the Chicago–based world's most famous film critic, has spent a considerable amount of time in Toronto.

"I've spent six months there," he wrote in a recent email exchange, "one festival at a time."

The festival that brings him to Hogtown is the Toronto International Film Festival, which kicked off its 37th year today.

In his review of Melancholia he waxed rhapsodic about the importance of TIFF.

"Toronto announces the end of a summer of often disappointing and over-inflated 'blockbusters,' and an autumn that feels like a springtime of the cinema." He wrote from experience. The Pulitzer Prize winner has been attending TIFF since its inception.

In fact, he's so familiar with TIFF he even has a nickname for the vertigo-inducing staircase at one of their premier theatres.

The "escalator of terror" he calls it.

Length of escalators aside, he is succinct when I ask about the changes he's noticed over the years.

"It's grown bigger and better," he wrote.

As for any improvements he'd like to see made? "Most of the changes I've wished for have, in fact, been made."

He's more forthcoming when I ask how he would explain the importance of film festivals to someone who has never attended one.

"It's a way to expose yourself to the best of new world filmmaking, three to four films a day, and (equally valuable) join in the conversations before and after them and while in line. You just can't get up to speed with a couple of multiplex pictures a month."

As for advice to a TIFF newbie?

"Avoid the movies that will be opening between now and Christmas, and seek out those that sound intriguing."

He's had many intriguing festival moments over the years, so I asked him to describe his most vivid TIFF memory.

"I've never heard a more ecstatic audience reaction than at the premiere for Jason Rietman's Juno," he wrote. "That's not to say it was the best film I've ever seen at Toronto, although I loved it — but that I have an audience reaction to judge other reactions against."

There are 372 features at this year's festival, so it seemed obvious to inquire about what he was most excited to see and why.

"Oh, no. I won't play," he scolded.

"I never, ever make lists, and especially of films I haven't seen."

Roger Ebert has been coming to TIFF since its inception. GETTY IMAGES

Comedy

For A Good Time, Call...

Director. Jamie Travis

Stars. Lauren Miller, Ari Graynor

Two New York girls feeling the financial squeeze start up a profitable phone-sex line in Jamie Travis' winning comedy, which is gross and affectionate in equal measure. It's like a Judd Apatow movie where the women are actually allowed to be funny, instead of frantic killjoys. Stars Lauren Miller and Ari Graynor have a lovely rapport and pull off snappy line readings and broad physical gags with aplomb; the plot is predictable but the cast's good vibes are contagious.

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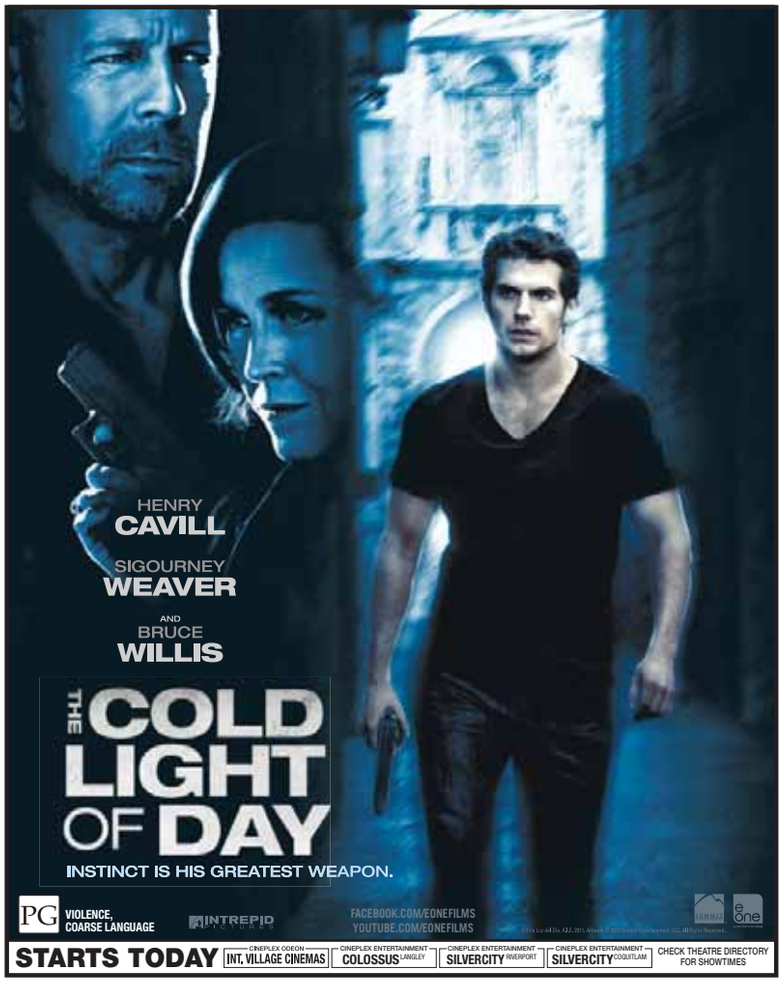

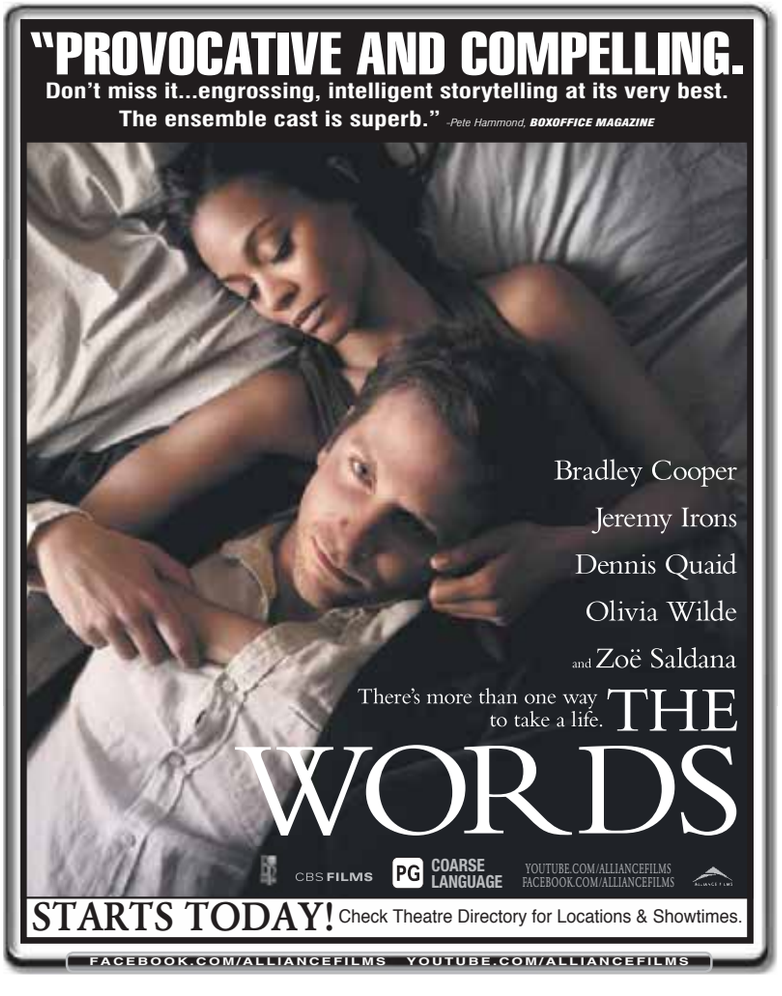
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Samsara (G) Fri-Thu 2:25-5:10-8-10:30

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre, 1181 Seymour Street,

First Position (G) Fri 6:30 Sat 8:30 Mon 6:30 Tue 8:30
Iron Sky (PG) Fri-Sat 10:15 Tue 10:15
The Island President (G) Fri 8:20 Sat 6:30 Mon 8:20 Tue 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun
Spark Animation Film Festival (STC) Wed-Thu

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

Pole To Pole 4-D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15
North Shore
Esplanade 6
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The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 1-4:40-8:30 Mon-Thu 8:30
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Hope Springs (PG) Fri 7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
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The Words (PG) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15

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The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri 7:20-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40
Hit & Run (14A) Fri 7:40-10 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10 Mon-Tue 7:40-9:50 Wed 9:50 Thu 7:40-9:50
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Sat-Sun 4:40
ParaNorman (PG) Sat-Sun 2
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:50-9:05 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
Premium Rush (14A) Fri 7:50-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:50-5:30-7:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport 14211 Entertainment Way

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20 The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:20-7:25-10:25 Mon 4:20-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:25
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Bullet Vanishes (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-5-7:35-10:10
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35
The Cold Light of Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sun 2:45-6:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 2-5:30-9
The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Sun-Thu 1-4:30-8
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Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:40-10:05
Joker (G) Fri-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:20-7:50-10:20
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Lawless (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Madam Butterfly 3D - Royal Opera House (PG) Sun 12:30 Mon 7
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:35 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:35
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45 Mon-Wed 2:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05 Sun 3:15-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45-10:05
Pee-wee's Big Adventure (PG) Sat 11
The Possession (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-5:50-8:10-10:30
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:45-6:10-8:25-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:45-6-8:10-10:25 Total Recall (PG) Fri 1:45-4:40-7:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 4:40-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:25-10:15
The Words (PG) Fri 12:35-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Sat 12-2:20-5:35-8-10:25 Sun 12:35-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:35-5:35-8-10:25 Thu 5:35-8-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Burnaby

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Brave (G) Fri 5 Sat-Sun 12:45-5 Mon-Thu 5
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:50-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15
ParaNorman (PG) Fri 5-7 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7 Mon-Thu 5-7
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 9

SilverCity Metropolis 4700 Kingsway Ave.

The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:15
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-5:40-7:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:20-5:40-7:55-10:10
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sun 2:45-6:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:15-9:45
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ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55 Mon-Thu 1
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 3:15-5:30-7:45-10
Pee-wee's Big Adventure (PG) Sat 11
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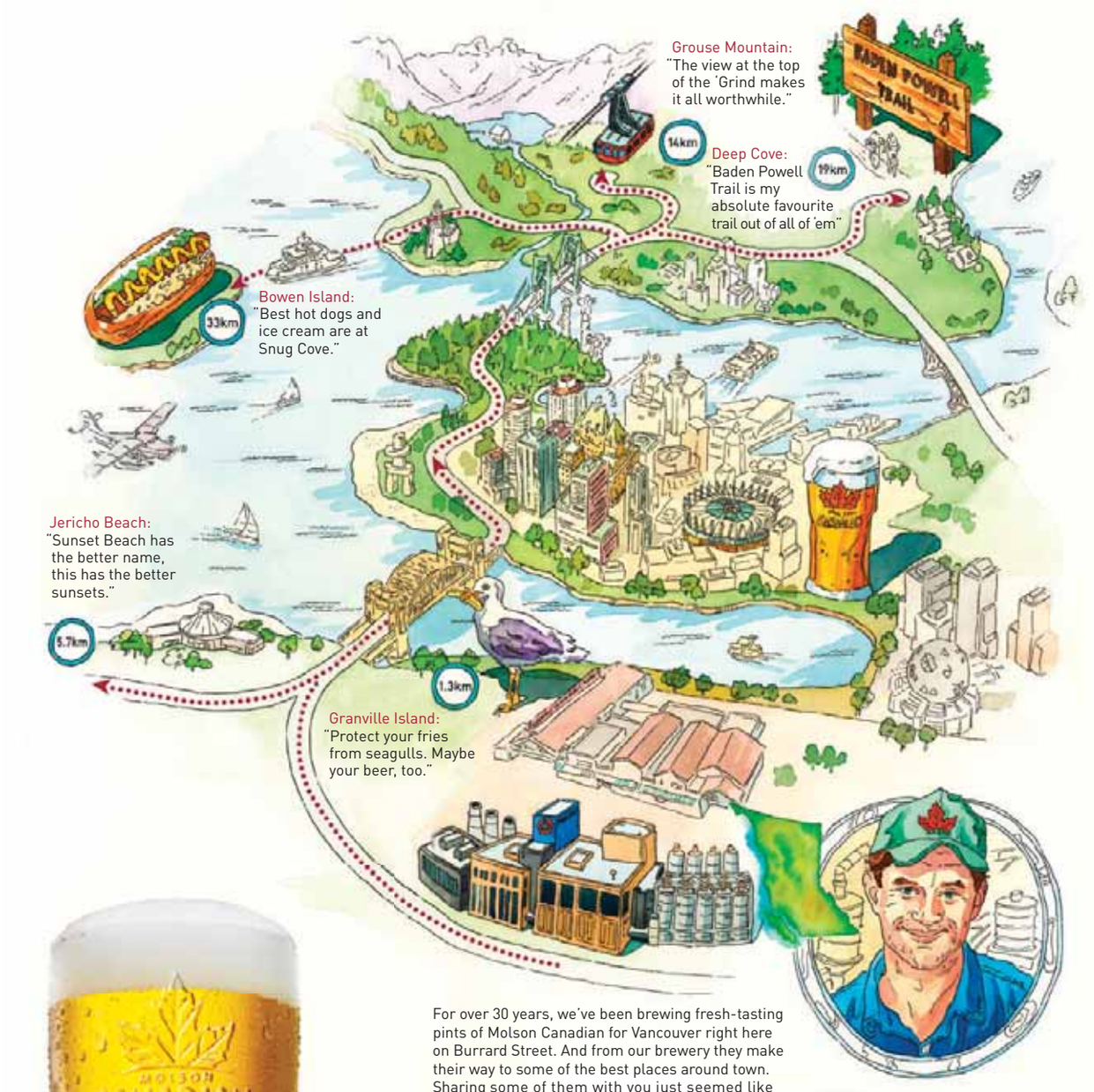
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Brave (G) Fri 2-4:30 Sat 11:30-2-4:30 Sun-Thu 2-4:30
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:30-7:50-10:10 Fri 2:30-5:10-7:20-9:30 Sat 5:10-7:20-9:30 Sun 2:30-5:10-7:20-9:30 Mon 5:10-7:20-9:30 Tue 2:30-5:10-7:20-9:30 Wed-Thu 5:10-7:20-9:30
The Cold Light of Day (PG) Fri 1:40-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 Sat 11-1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10 Fri-Sun 1:15-4:50-8:30 Mon 4:50-8:30 Tue 1:15-4:50-8:30 Wed-Thu 4:50-8:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-5:40 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:40
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:05-5:30-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:45-10:35 Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7-10:15 Mon 4:30-7-10:15 Tue 2-4:30-7-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:30-7-10:15
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Thu 8:10-10:30
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 1:45-4:20-7:20-9:50 Sat 11:20-1:45-4:20-7:20-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:20-9:50
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri 1:50 Sat 11:15-1:50 Sun-Thu 1:50
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:05
Last Night of the Proms Live - BBC Proms 2012 (STC) Sat 11:30
Lawless (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-10:20
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50 Mon-Tue 1:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1:35
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 3:15-5:30-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 4-6:20-8:30
Pee-wee's Big Adventure (PG) Sat 11
The Possession (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:45-5-7:45-10:20
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20 Mon-Thu 3-6-8:20
R2B: Return to Base (PG) Fri-Thu 7-10:10
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40
The Words (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Mon-Tue 2:45-5:20-8-10:25 Wed 5:20-8-10:25 Thu 2:45-5:20-8-10:25 Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:30-9:50 Mon 4-6:30-9:50 Tue 1:30-4-6:30-9:50 Wed-Thu 4-6:30-9:50
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Surrey/White Rock/ Langley Clova

5732-176th St., Surrey

The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 7
Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey,
604-592-4441
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Brave (G) Fri-Thu 4:45
Brave 3D (G) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-7 Mon-Thu 7 Fri-Thu 9:20
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:50
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Sat-Sun 2:30
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

Aaj de Ranjhe (STC) Fri-Sun 1:05-6:25-9:35 Mon 1:30-6:25-9:35 Tue 1:05-6:25-9:35 Wed-Thu 1:30-6:25-9:35
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Sun 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:35-10:30
Carry on Jatta (G) Fri 1-4:15-7:20-10:30 Sat 4:15-7:20-10:30 Sun 1-4:15-7:20-10:30 Mon 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:30 Tue 1-4:15-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 2:45-6:45-10:20
Ek Tha Tiger (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-4-7:05-10:05 Mon 1:35-6:10-10:05 Tue 12:45-4-7:05-10:05 Wed-Thu 1:35-6:10-10:05
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Mon 2:05-4:30-7:40-10:30 Tue 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:30 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:30-7:40-10:30
Joker (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:50-9:20
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The Possession (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:30
Raaz 3 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7-10 Mon 2:30-6:30-10 Tue 12:50-4-7-10 Wed-Thu 2:30-6:30-10
Raula Pai Gaya (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-6:05-9:45
The Words (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Mon 1:45-4:20-7:45-10:25 Tue 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Wed 4:20-7:45-10:25 Thu 1:45-4:20-7:45-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Studio 12 Guildford
15051-101st Ave, Surrey

Aaj de Ranjhe (STC) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:40-7:50 Wed-Thu 7:50
The Bourne Legacy (PG) , Fri 4:10-6:35-9:35 , Sat-Sun 1-4:10-6:35-9:35 , Mon 5:25-8:20 , Tue 4:10-6:35-9:35 , Wed-Thu 5:25-8:20
The Campaign (14A) , Fri-Sun 7:20-10 , Mon 6-8:45 , Tue 7:20-10 , Wed-Thu 6-8:45
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) , Fri 3:40-8 , Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-8 , Mon 7:45 , Tue 3:40-8 , Wed-Thu 7:45
Ek Tha Tiger (PG) , Fri 6:15-9:15 , Sat-Sun 3:20-6:15-9:15 , Mon 5:15-8:10 , Tue 6:15-9:15 , Wed-Thu 5:15-8:10
The Expendables 2 (14A) , Fri 4:25-7:25-9:50 , Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7:25-9:50 , Mon 5:45-8:30 , Tue 4:25-7:25-9:50 , Wed-Thu 5:45-8:30
Hit & Run (14A) , Fri-Sun 6:40-9:25 , Mon 5:50-8:35 , Tue 6:40-9:25 , Wed-Thu 5:50-8:35
Joker (G) , , Sub-Titled Fri 4:45-7:15-9:50 , , Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 1:05-4:45-7:15-9:50 , , Sub-Titled Mon 5:40-8:10 , , Sub-Titled Tue 4:45-7:15-9:50 , , Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 5:40-8:10
Lawless (14A) , Fri 4-6:50-9:45 , Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:45 , Mon 5:30-8:15 , Tue 4-6:50-9:45 , Wed-Thu 5:30-8:15
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) , Fri 3:50 , Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50 , Tue 3:50
ParaNorman (PG) , Sat-Sun 1:35
ParaNorman 3D (STC) , Fri-Sun 3:55 , Tue 3:55
The Possession (14A) , Fri 4:20-7:10-9:30 , Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:10-9:30 , Mon 5:55-8:40 , Tue 4:20-7:10-9:30 , Wed-Thu 5:55-8:40
Premium Rush (14A) , , No Passes Fri 4:15-7:15-9:40 , , No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:15-9:40 , , No Passes Mon 5:20-8:35 , , No Passes Tue 4:15-7:15-9:40 , , No Passes Wed-Thu 5:20-8:35
The Words (PG) , Fri 4:30-7-9:45 , Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7-9:45 , Mon 5:35-8:25 , Tue 4:30-7-9:45 , Wed-Thu 5:35-8:25

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Hope Springs (PG) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10
Lawless (14A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
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The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Sat-Sun 2:10
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:25
The Possession (14A) Fri 7:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:35
The Words (PG) Fri 7:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20

Colossus Langley
20090-91A Ave, Langley

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50 Mon-Thu 4
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4-7:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 4-7:05-10:10
Brave (G) Fri-Sun 1:35
Brave 3D (G) Fri-Sun 4:15 Mon-Thu 4:10
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:05
The Cold Light of Day (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:45-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:30
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Hope Springs (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:40
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:05-5:35 Mon-Thu 4:20
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Madam Butterfly 3D - Royal Opera House (PG) Sun 12:30 Mon 7
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 7-10:15
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri-Sun 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:50
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45 Mon-Tue 4:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3 Thu 4:25
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
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The Possession (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:25
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Ted (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:20 Mon 4:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:35-7:30-10:20
Total Recall (PG) Fri 2:20-5:10-8-10:45 Sat-Sun 5:10-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:10
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5 favourite NYC romantic comedies

Mike Birbiglia, a stand-up comic with a sleep disorder, stars in, co-writes and makes his directing debut with Sleepwalk With Me, which is about ... a stand-up comic with a sleep disorder. He plays a Brooklyn bartender simultaneously juggling his desire for onstage success with the girlfriend (Lauren Ambrose), who wants him to commit to her offstage. As the indie critical hit expands to more theatres this week, Birbiglia was kind enough to take the time to choose his five favourite romantic comedies set in New York City.

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Big (1988)

This film was my introduction to New-York-based films, and actually New York City as a whole. Once I saw this, I knew that I, too, would be destined for a penthouse Manhattan apartment with trampolines, pinball machines and bunk beds.

The romance with Elizabeth Perkins is believable despite its high concept and just adorable and laugh-out-loud funny. It's also heartbreaking, and makes me cry every time I've seen it. I've seen it 15 times. Actually, I cry quite a bit in general.

Moonstruck (1987)

This is the next New-York-based romantic comedy I saw. I was allowed to watch it despite my age because it was about Italians and it was important for the Birbiglias that I see Italian-American films.

What sticks out for me is the smaller characters that highlight the larger themes. In the liquor store Cher's character visits, there's a charming argument between a middle-aged couple. The wife says, "I see a wolf in you." The husband responds, "You know what I see in you? The girl I married." It's those secondary characters that make that film really sing comedically — in addition, of course, to the hilarious and emotional Nic Cage and Cher.

When Harry Met Sally (1989)

C'mon. Is every scene in this movie perfect? Yes. I could watch this movie over and over on a loop. Actually, I'm pretty sure they do that on cable. It plays quite a bit.

Meg Ryan is nothing short of magical in this performance. And the time lapses are, for me, what make this film really work — because we truly believe that this oil-and-water couple will stay together and they ought to.

I sure hope they do in the sequel: When Harry Stayed With Sally.

Metropolitan (1990)

I saw this film in high school and I watch and re-watch it now like it's an old friend.

It's about this very specific debutante culture in Manhattan, but because the protagonist is the outsider, we feel like it's our movie, too.

We're the outsider who has a crush on the incredible, Molly Ringwald-esque Carolyn Farina.

Annie Hall (1977)

I saw this film in college when I was first studying screenwriting and starting out as a comic. It has forever been imprinted in my DNA.

It's funny, it's emotional and it's unafraid. I was so struck when I saw it that it found the beauty in a breakup as opposed to wallowing in it. It also traffics in an area so specific — a neurotic, Jewish comedian — but yet it feels so universal. Woody Allen does this in all of his films of that period — Hannah and Her Sisters, Manhattan, Crimes and Misdemeanors — but this one truly makes me laugh the most and get choked up in the same moment.

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The hit album that almost wasn't

Canadian content.
Sloan celebrates Twice Removed, a beloved record once considered a failure

Now that it's a fixture on lists of the greatest Canadian rock albums of all time, it's easy to forget that Sloan's Twice Removed was once reviled.

Or at least it was by the behemoth of alt-rock record labels, Geffen, when the Halifax quartet delivered the glimmering LP, a thoughtful collection of brightly lit guitar-pop.

Twice Removed was an admitted left-turn from the group's distortion-contorted debut Smeared, and at a time when the modern-rock charts were dominated by sludge-slinging Nirvana imitators, their sophomore album was not what the label wanted to hear. It was clean, back when "clean" was a dirty word.

The album killed the golden goose. It broke up the band. But now they're celebrating it, in the form of a deluxe vinyl re-issue and a cross-country tour during which Sloan will play the record in its entirety.

Back when Geffen first rejected it — when they asked the band to re-record the entire thing — the band certainly never imagined they would one day warm to the album.

"Self-doubt is my default setting — but I was the most torn up about it," said bassist and co-frontman Chris Murphy in a recent interview from their cluttered Toronto rehearsal space.

"I probably would have done anything, I was so excited to be on Geffen. ... 'Oh, they're asking us to record the whole thing again? I guess that's what you do. I guess that's what we should do.'

"I'm glad that we didn't."

So are the album's legions of fans.

But they didn't really exist back in 1994. Sure, Sloan did have fans. A couple of years prior, they had inked a deal with Geffen — the home of Nirvana, Beck and Sonic Youth — on the strength of their 1992 Peppermint EP, and followed it with their messy but charming full-length Smeared later that year.

That debut was a moderate chart success in Canada, but was most notable for the seemingly rosy future it forecast. In truth, Smeared was a dissonant pastiche of various indie-rock influences, one which both belied the band's inexperience and hinted at real songwriting skill submerged under the layers of fashionable fuzz.

That album, of course, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. But the band didn't really savour the idea of playing Smeared front-to-back every night.

"There'd be a bunch of songs where we'd be like: 'Ugh. Skip that one,'" laughed Murphy.

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Influences

- Sloan dug deep into their influences — including the Velvet Underground, Slint, '80s hardcore and, of course, some classic British pop — while penning the songs that would form Twice Removed. There was certainly a degree of defiance as they rejected the direction most of the rock world was taking.
- "We were kind of running from grunge and this sort of house of cards that it seemed to be — all that 'poor man's Nirvana' (stuff)," Chris Murphy said.

Jay Ferguson, left, and Chris Murphy, of rock band Sloan, pose for a photo in their Toronto rehearsal space last month.
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Melissa Etheridge emerges from heartbreak

New music. 4th Street Feeling looks back on her parents, childhood and breakups in an album that takes you on a journey

At 51, Melissa Etheridge isn't coasting on her accomplishments. Take her guitar work.

The Grammy-Award-winning singer-songwriter, whose 12th studio album has been released this week, challenged herself to play all the guitar parts this time around for the first time.

"I kind of thought when I was 30 that you're as good as you're going to get. And that's not true," she says. "I have gotten so much better and I'm celebrating it on this album."

The album, 4th Street Feeling, has a dozen songs that mostly look backward — to her parents, childhood and breakups. It's named after a street in Etheridge's hometown of Leavenworth, Kan.

"I'm exploring being 51. I'm exploring the maturity, the wisdom that just comes from having gone around the sun 50 times," she says. "My experience is, 'Oh, I'm never really going to get it right. I'm never going to get it done.' But that's not the point here. The point is the journey."

Listeners will get some nostalgia — Etheridge sings about 8-tracks and the Oldsmobile Delta 88 — as well as new stuff.

She tries out a banjitar — an instrument with a banjo body and a guitar neck — on the first single, Falling Up.

"The whole album is new compositions with those old shoes," she says.

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Messy split

Etheridge, best known for her songs Come to My Window and I'm the Only One, has also included a few not-so-veiled references to Tammy Lynn Michaels, with whom she's endured a messy split.

- **Quote.** "Say goodbye to the enemy," Etheridge sings in A Disaster. On another, Be Real, she asks, "You sold your soul for fame, fame, fame." And her tune Sympathy begins with the powerful line, "There's a liar in your bed."

Grammy-Award-winning singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge. GETTY IMAGES

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SOUND CHECK
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Last year, the Toronto International Film Festival was visited by U2, Pearl Jam and Neil Young in conjunction with various films. Here's who's coming this year.

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Spike Lee (standing in for Michael Jackson)/Bad 25

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Rob Zombie/ The Lords of Salem

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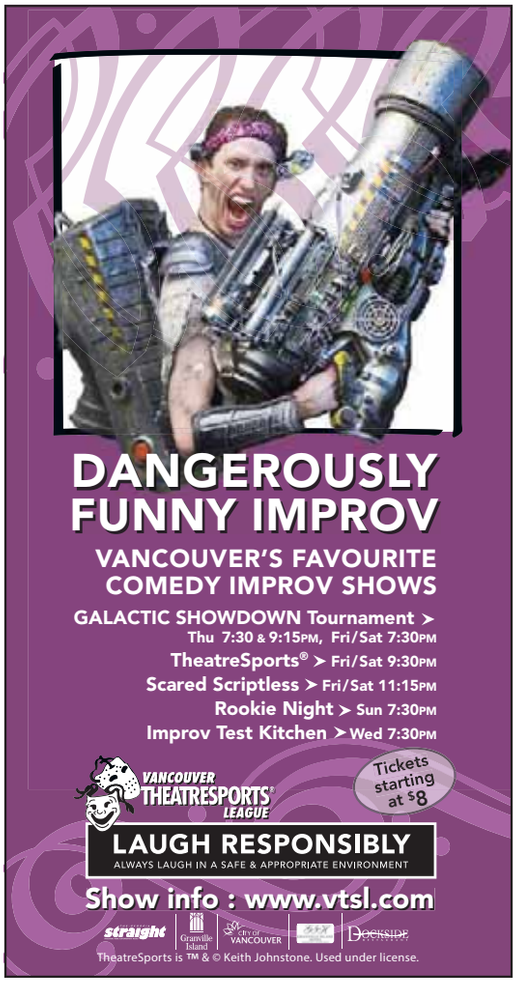
Kill me maybe. Carly Rae Jepsen's tune Billboard's song of the summer

There's no maybe about it: Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe is the song of the summer.

Billboard says the 26-year-old Canadian's infectious pop song about infatuation love topped its Songs of Summer chart. The list annually ranks the overall performance of hit songs on the Billboard Hot 100 between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Landing at No. 2 was Maroon 5's Payphone, featuring Wiz Khalifa. Gotye's Somebody That I Used to Know, featuring Kimbra, Katy Perry's Wide Awake and Ellie Goulding's Lights round out the top five.

Call Me Maybe has already netted Jepsen a Teen Choice Award, and the video is up for the best new artist moonman trophy at Thursday night's MTV Video Music Awards. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**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Country music's rising star returns home

Hurricane cleanup. Homecoming sees Hayes at a concert for a hospital and singing the anthem at Sunday's Saints game

Rising country singer Hunter Hayes knows a thing or two about hurricanes.

The south Louisiana native has seen his share and even named his breakout single Storm Warning — about a beautiful girl he compares to a Cat 5 hurricane, the strongest category of tropical storm.

On Friday, the accordion-playing, harmonica-blowing singer from the Cajun town of Breaux Bridge returns, as Louisiana cleans up from Hurricane Isaac, for a concert benefiting a New Orleans hospital.

He's also scheduled to sing the national anthem at the New Orleans Saints' football game against the Washington Redskins on Sunday, his 21st birthday.

"This is going to be like a huge homecoming celebration for me," said Hayes, who has just been named one of the CMA Award's new-artist nominees, along with Lee Brice, Brantley Gilbert, Love and Theft and Thompson Square.

The 46th annual CMA Awards will air live Nov. 1 on ABC from Nashville's Bridgestone Arena. Hayes toured last year with Taylor Swift for part of her Speak Now tour and earlier this year with Rascal Flatts for its Thaw Out tour. Hayes hits the road again later this year as the opening act on Carrie Underwood's Blown Away tour.

"I'm living my dream," he said. "Music is my life. It's what I live for."

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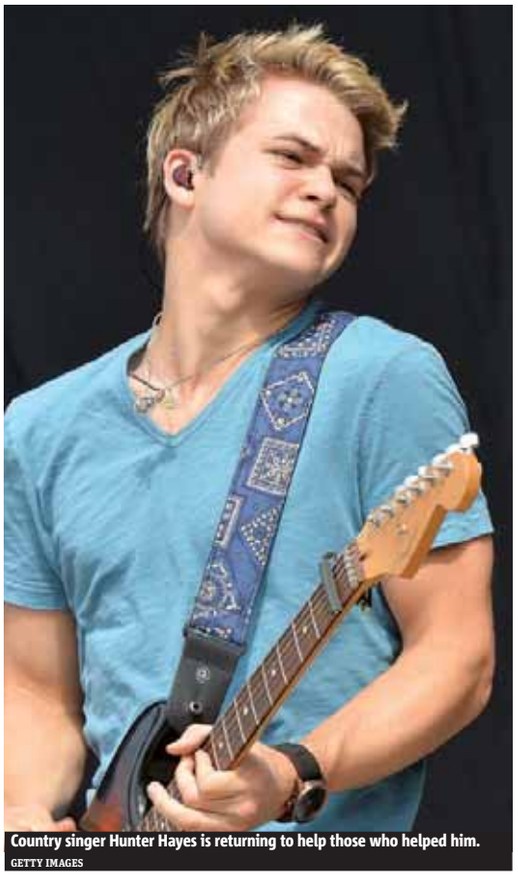
Country music

Even as a little kid, Hayes said he just related to country music but it was his roots and playing lots of instruments that makes his music so different.

- **Lot of different music festivals.** Though Hayes moved to Nashville about five years ago, he said he still considers Louisiana home. It's where he spent his childhood playing "every instrument I could get my hands on." That included the harmonica, accordion, drums and guitar, he said. He frequently performed at Louisiana's Cajun, zydeco and seafood festivals but said he found his niche writing and performing country songs.



Country singer Hunter Hayes is returning to help those who helped him.

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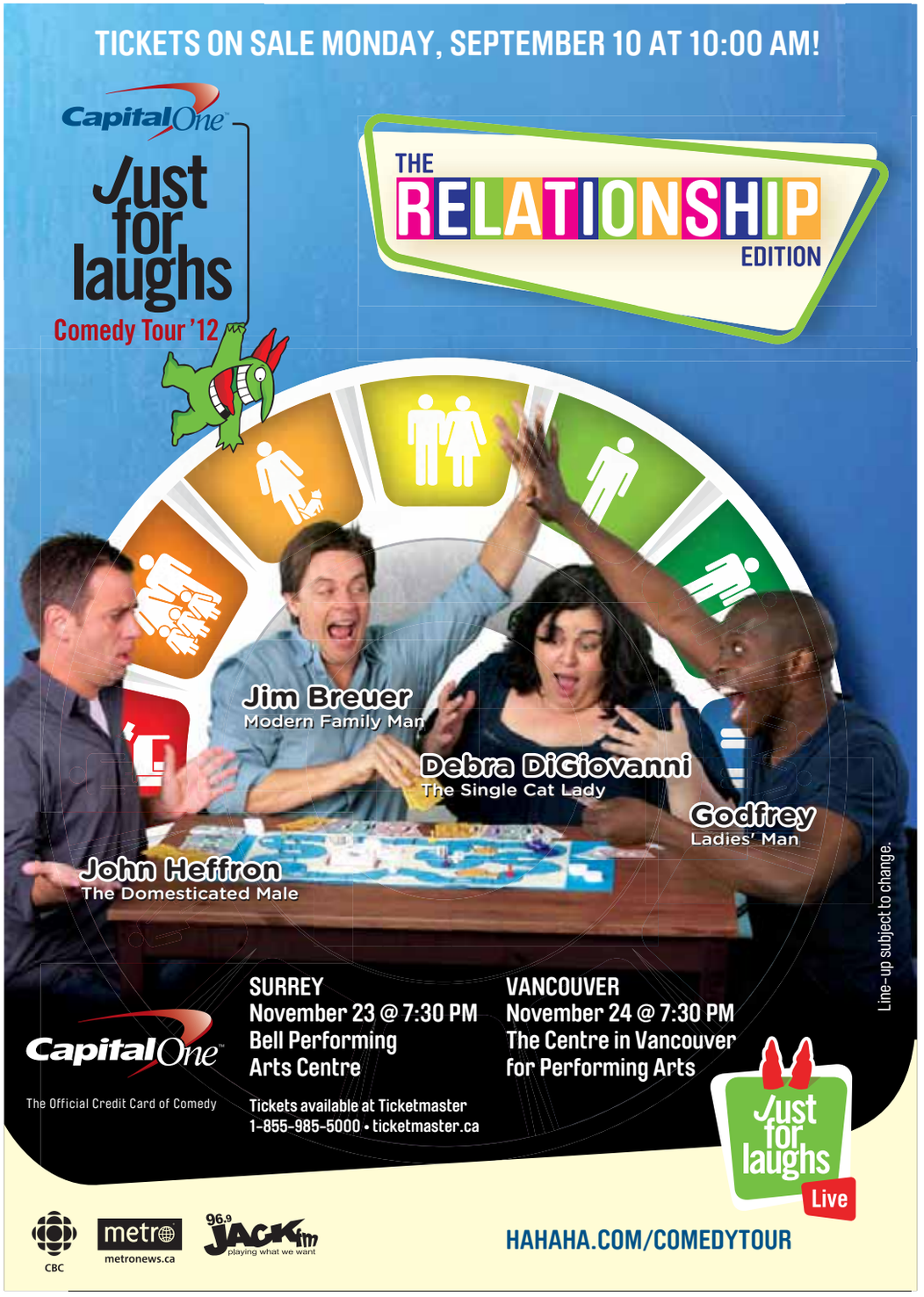

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What's the deal with Perry and Mayer?

It's getting tough for folks to keep up with Katy Perry's romance with John Mayer. Two weeks ago, the pair was supposedly off when Mayer dumped Perry after a couple of months of "casual dating," but that doesn't explain why Perry and Mayer have been spotted together twice in the last week, according to X-17.

First, they hit up a Labour Day weekend music festival in downtown L.A., and then just a few days later they were spotted sneaking out of a restaurant after having dinner together.

People who have recently broken up don't usually spend that much time together.

No more hangovers for Bradley Cooper

Bradley Cooper says he's been sober for eight years, staying away from drugs and alcohol after overindulging in his 20s.

"I was at a party and deliberately bashed my head on the concrete floor — like, 'Hey, look how tough I am,'" Cooper remembers from his wilder days. "And I came up, and blood dripped down. And then I did it again. I spent the night at St. Vincent's Hospital with a sock of ice, waiting for them to stitch me up."

Part of what led to so much reckless behaviour, he admits, was worrying about his acting career, which was stalling at the time.

"I was so concerned what you thought of me, how I was coming across, how I would survive the day. I always felt like an outsider," he explains.

"I just lived in my head. I realized I wasn't going to live up to my potential, and that scared the hell out of me. I thought, 'Wow, I'm actually gonna ruin my life; I'm really gonna ruin it.'"

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The Word

Pattinson's drinking problem is 'out of control': Source

Friends of Robert Pattinson reportedly want the actor to seek treatment for a drinking problem they say he's had for years and has only gotten worse since revelations of girlfriend Kristen Stewart's infidelity came to light, according to Hollyscoop.

Pattinson "has a huge drinking problem" and his friends and family "think that he needs to go to rehab," a source says.

But apparently his drinking is nothing new, according to the source: "He was drinking every day on the set of Cosmopolis and everyone on the set was aware of this," the source says. "His drinking is out of control. He loves vodka and drinks alone."

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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan sets record straight about story linking her to Tom Cruise

Somehow, Lindsay Lohan got pulled into a recent Vanity Fair story about the Church of Scientology auditioning actresses to be Tom Cruise's girlfriend before he married Katie Holmes, and Lohan just wants everyone to know she has no idea what the magazine is talking about.

"Lindsay met with Tom before he met Katie," a source tells the Huffington Post.

"At first, she was super-excited to work with Tom and thought it was about a role in Mission Impossible. It soon became clear that he wasn't looking for an actress but something very different."

Looking to clear her name, Lohan was quick to take to Twitter to post, "I just want everyone (and Tom Cruise) to know, that I have/had NO part in the VF story — nor has anyone in my life, personal and work-related."

Bynes charged for hit-and-run ... twice

In news that will likely come as a surprise to no one, actress Amanda Bynes has been charged with two counts of hit-and-run for two separate incidents, according to TMZ.

If convicted, Bynes faces up to a year in prison and a $2,000 fine.

In both incidents — one in April and one in August — Bynes allegedly fled the scene after striking another car with her car.

The actress has long maintained her innocence.

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Laughs in a wine bottle

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I try not to take things too seriously — especially wine. Knowing my booze beverage of choice can pour pretty pretentious just makes me more than happy to poke fun at its reputation for being a glass for the upper class.

In my slightly twisted mind, wine is the people's drink and should never be put on a pedestal or treated like a liquid of luxury (even if the bottle costs a few hundred bucks).

That's why I appreciate winemakers with a sense of humour. I'm not talking about their juice. It's more about how they brand their output. The Aussies are masters at making classy, yet accessible, wines with amazingly original names.

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Spicy Pork and Polenta. Take the mystery out of cooking this maize, which is a staple in Italian cuisine

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most people consider polenta a restaurant food. That's because as good as this creamy, cheesy Italian staple is, few of us have the hour needed to crank it out.

But hidden on the grocer's shelves is a shortcut that can help get polenta on your dinner table any day of the week in minutes — prepared polenta. This is different — and far better — than a related product known as instant polenta. But first, some polenta basics.

Polenta is a traditional starch in Italian cooking, an alternative to pasta, rice and potatoes that pairs deliciously well with robust sauces and meats. Polenta is made by slowly simmering and stirring cornmeal with chicken broth or water. It usually also is seasoned with Parmesan cheese and butter.

While the dry product called instant polenta promises results in five minutes or less, it tends to be grainy and flavourless. The better choice is tube-style pre-cooked polenta, usually sold in the grocer's natural foods section. This product is ready to slice and toss on the grill, under the broiler or into a skillet to pan-fry.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mirin
- 1/4 cup crushed pepper sauce
- 1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 lb thinly sliced pork cutlets
- 18-oz tube prepared polenta, cut into chunks
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 4 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Salt and ground black pepper

1. In stainless steel bowl, stir mirin, crushed pepper sauce, vinegar and soy sauce. Add pork, toss, refrigerate 20 mins.

2. Meanwhile, in saucepan over medium heat, combine polenta and milk. Stir until soft and heated through, 6 to 7 minutes. Cover and set aside.

3. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Remove pork from the marinade (reserve marinade) and add to pan. Brown cutlets on each side 4 mins. Add marinade from bowl to skillet and bring to a boil.

4. Stir feta cheese into polenta, then season with salt and pepper. To serve, spoon polenta onto each plate, then top with pork cutlets and sauce from pan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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3rd Annual Etsy Craft Party

SEPT. 7TH FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AT 115 E. PENDER ST.

This Friday, join other craft-minded Vancouverites and head to Chinatown's BLIM where this 3rd annual party kicks off an evening of celebrating creativity and our local Vancouver art scene. Attendees will have a chance to try their hand at decorating, post card-making, collaborative painting (courtesy of RAW Canvas) and plenty more. There's a cash bar, great swag bag and after-party to sweeten the deal. Tickets are $15.

Luxury Supercar Weekend 2012

VAN DUSEN BOTANICAL GARDENS, 5251 OAK ST.

Rev your engines and head to this top-notch event set amidst the gorgeous greenery of the Van Dusen Botanical Gardens for a weekend fuelled by beautiful cars and beautiful people. This event brings together the most valuable collection of supercars and luxury brands, fashion, elegance and fun (featuring fashion shows, VIP service, awards ceremony and much more). Purchase tickets by visitingluxurysupercar.com.

Mexi-Go! Expo takes over the Vancouver Convention Centre

SEPT. 7 – 8

If the travel bug has bitten you as we head into fall, Mexi-Go Expo might be able to help. This trade show (open to the public) offers a great opportunity to learn more about the diverse travel offerings Mexico has, as well as a unique way to discover the rich cultural aspects to this favourite Canuck destination. Be sure to take in free performances and events at adjacent Jack Poole Plaza as well. More info at mexi-goexpo.com.

Coming up: O! Osyoos Celebrates

SEPT. 14TH TO 16TH IN THE OKANAGAN

If you're looking for an excuse to stall the winding down of summer, then be sure to make your way to sun-drenched Osoyoos for this first annual culinary celebration taking place next weekend. Events will feature a red carpet party, wine tours, lobster on the beach and plenty more reasons to indulge. Tickets start at $35 with packages available for $150. Find more information and event details visit osoyooscelebrates.ca.

Opening soon: La Pentola Della Quercia

EARLY TO MID-SEPTEMBER AT 322 DAVIE ST.

Watch for the talented duo chefs of award-winning La Quercia restaurant, Adam Pegg and Lucais Syme, to open the doors to their newest locale inside Vancouver's OPUS Hotel. Expect Northern Italian dishes made with plenty of passion, handmade pasta, vegetarian tastes and a variety of fish and meat dishes – offered in custom 'nose-to-tail' style. Stay updated by visiting www.opushotel.com for opening details.

Curtains up: Vancouver Fringe Festival 2012 is back

SEPT. 6TH TO 16TH

One of our city's best theatrical festivals is back for its 28th year with a strong line-up of nearly 100 different shows by more than 750 emerging talents and veteran performers taking place around Granville Island and other central locations. Find the inside scoop on this much-loved festival, directions, purchase tickets to shows and other Fringe events by visiting vancouverfringe.com.

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SPORTS 4

‘Super Mario’ feels like a rookie again

NFL. High-profile defensive end makes debut for Bills as Tebow Time gets underway for Jets on Sunday

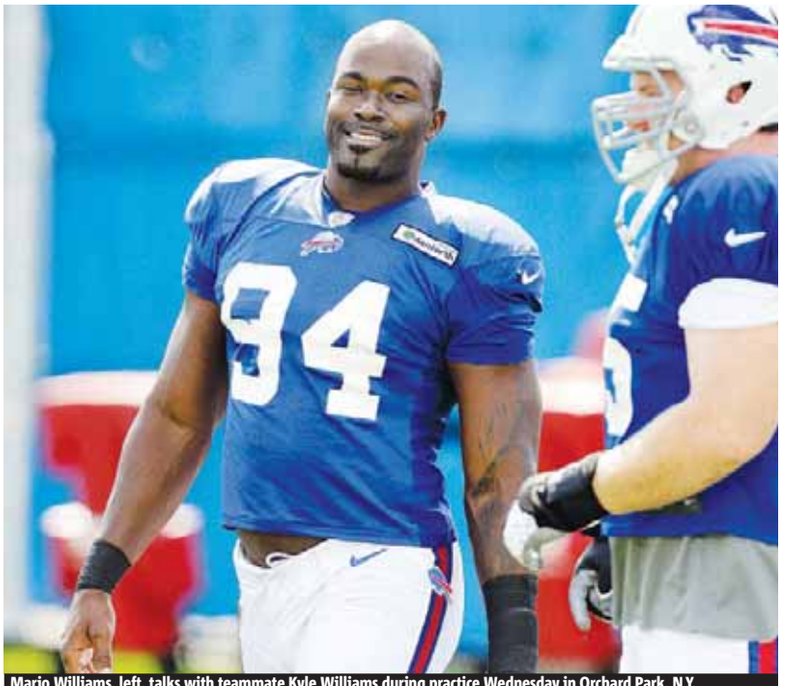
It’s Tebow Time for the New York Jets, and Super Mario’s big debut for the Buffalo Bills.

Tim Tebow and Mario Williams, two of the NFL’s highest-profile players, switched teams this off-season and are hoping to have huge impacts — starting with the regular-season opener at MetLife Stadium on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

“I really don’t get nervous, but it does feel like my rookie year all over again,” said Williams, who signed a six-year, $100-million US deal with the Bills in March after six years in Houston. “It does feel like I got drafted again. I’m pretty sure it’ll be a little bit, a little anxiety, but it’ll be fine.”

The Bills are banking on the fact that Williams will add a big-time boost to their defence, wreaking havoc on opposing quarterbacks every Sunday and helping Buffalo improve a defence that managed just 29 sacks last season.

“You kind of sit back and go, ‘Whew,’” Jets coach Rex Ryan said. “He’s a tremendous player. Your first thought is you’re going against him, then you think, ‘He does get to play New England twice, so that’s kind of a good thing.’ If we can survive, hopefully New England will struggle with him. That’s it. It’s like, ‘Whew.’ The conference, our league is getting better. You steal one of the top pass rushers in the game. Clearly, you think, ‘Oh man.’ You hope that he doesn’t go into our division, but here he is.”



Mario Williams, left, talks with teammate Kyle Williams during practice Wednesday in Orchard Park, N.Y.
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“I just want to be able to help any way I can.”
Tim Tebow, Jets backup QB

And so is Tebow, the popular backup quarterback whose role in New York’s offence has been kept mostly under wraps all off-season to keep defences on their toes. Tebow will work in new offensive co-ordinator Tony Sparano’s wildcat packages and as the personal punt protector on special teams.

Beyond that, anybody’s guess is as good as Buffalo’s.
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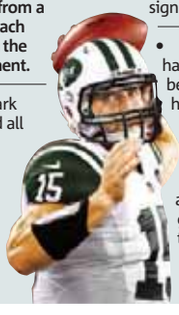
How much Tebow time?

Tim Tebow, acquired by New York from Denver in March, will work anywhere from a handful to 20 plays each week, depending on the game and the opponent.

- He and starter Mark Sanchez have said all the right things throughout the offseason, but many fans and media insist this is a combustible situation that could have fans chanting for Tebow to supplant Sanchez at the first sign of trouble.
- But the Jets believe having Tebow is a lot better than not having him, mainly for the problems he creates for defences who need to plan and account for him, and the marketing gold he provides off the field because of his overwhelming popularity.



NHL

Fehr, Bettman and Daly decline salary during lockout

None of the top executives involved in the NHL’s collective bargaining negotiations will continue to be paid if the league enacts a lockout next week.

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the NHL Players’ Association, says he stopped drawing a salary on July 1 and a source told The Canadian Press that commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly plan to follow suit if a new agreement can’t be reached by Sept. 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

Ferrer wins marathon match to reach semifinals

With his high-energy brand of leg-churning, ball-chasing tennis, fourth-seeded David Ferrer outlasted eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in four hours 31 minutes on Thursday to reach the U.S. Open semifinals for the second time.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic also advanced and will play Ferrer on Saturday after defeating Juan Martin del Potro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Ferrer celebrates in New York on Thursday.
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LIONS TREAD CAREFULLY WITH ELIMIMIAN

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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B.C. Lions: You can’t blame B.C. for taking a cautious approach over the potential return of former rookie-of-the-year Solomon Elimimian. Cut from two NFL camps, he has until Sept. 13 to report to the Lions. If the linebacker does return to Vancouver only to play out his option, he is merely a short-term upgrade whose head and heart might be elsewhere the rest of the CFL season. Re-signing Elimimian to a long-term deal is a priority.

Toronto Argos: We know Argos GM Jim Barker is loyal to a fault when handling veteran players, none more so than Ken-Yon Rambo. Surely, Rambo’s lackadaisical Labour Day performance in Hamilton, albeit in his first game back from injury, will be his last CFL game. Rambo, who turns 34 next month, made two insignificant catches, dropped a pass and was called offside. If Argos newcomer Jason Barnes is incapable of securing that position, it’s time to start beating the bushes for new talent.

Edmonton Eskimos: Like it or not, Eskimos head coach Kavis Reed has a quarterbacking controversy in his locker-room. On one hand, it’s great to have aging QB Kerry Joseph on the roster as insurance in case Steven Jyles falters. But now that Joseph’s looked more than capable in the last two appearances, going back to Jyles might be an unpopular decision.

Calgary Stampeders: It’s comical to still see the Stampeders taking stupid penalties game after game, year after year. The team’s long-standing Achilles heel is a key reason Tom Higgins lost his job in Calgary after the 2007 season, and years later the club continues to pile up the simply selfish infractions under John Hufnagel. If fines don’t work, benchings (or worse) are the only answer.

Saskatchewan Roughriders: Nothing like a 52-0 shutout to end a losing skid and buoy the spirits of Rider Nation’s doomsayers. The Riders aren’t that good and the Bombers aren’t that bad, but suddenly the Green Machine is a playoff contender again after weeks of fans demanding the club blow it up and start over, beginning with QB Darian Durant.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Lose again this week and the Bombers will launch a massive airlift of players in and out of Winnipeg. Although still just two points out of third in the East, falling to 2-8 would trigger significant change on the field, if not the front office.

Argos general manager Jim Barker has a decision on his hands regarding Ken-Yon Rambo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mobile sports

The CFL season has been full of ups and downs at the halfway point of the campaign. Two finalists for last year’s top rookie award are a couple of the unforeseen highlights so far in 2012. Scan the code for the story.

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will do almost anything to avoid boredom but the planets warn that if you go too far today, you might later decide that boredom is not such a bad thing after all. Never forget that actions have consequences.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Someone is sure to disapprove of what you do today. Should that stop you from doing it? No way! If anything, you should show your independence by doing it even more. They will get the message.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you feel that your life is in a bit of a rut you should do something about it today. Try doing the opposite of what you usually do. Don't worry that others might not approve — that's what makes it fun.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will get the chance to change something that should really have been changed weeks, if not months, ago. If it's a habit that is holding you back be brave and cut it out of your life once and for all.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make it your business to get involved in a cause that helps people who are too weak to help themselves. Don't worry that by doing so you might make powerful enemies — you have powerful friends to protect you.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With the Sun in your sign linked to Jupiter today you won't hesitate to do something out of the ordinary. Even people who know you well will shake their heads and wonder what's come over you.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You seem to have come into some money but don't spend too much time admiring your good fortune because you need to build on what you've been given. It doesn't have to be easy come, easy go.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What happens today may catch you by surprise but you can still profit from it if you act quickly. The planets indicate that if you take a risk it will pay off in a big way. What have you got to lose?

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The direct approach is the best approach, especially where partnerships are concerned. Let others know how you feel and don't worry that you might hurt their feelings. It's your feelings that matter, so tell it like it is.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's Sun-Jupiter link will help you shake things up a bit, especially where your daily routine is concerned. In a nutshell, you need to be more adventurous. Never let the past or old habits hold you back.

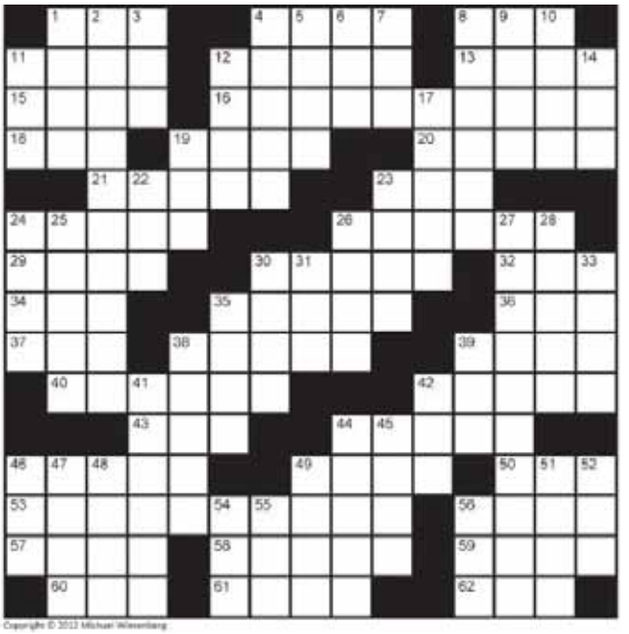
Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do something that takes even your best friends by surprise today. It's time you reminded certain people, both at home and at work, that you have a mind of your own and are not afraid to use it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be perfectly entitled to get annoyed with someone and lay down the law but isn't there a better way to deal with the situation? If you upset them needlessly it could be self-defeating in the long-term.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: (Mount St. Elias Is the Second-Highest)

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



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Across

1. WSW opposite
4. Certain hockey shot
8. Also say
11. 2-Down or 7-Down: abbr.
12. Idaho or Iowa
13. Louis David ___, a founder of the province of Manitoba
15. In person
16. Canada's government
18. A vote for
19. Baseball stadium
20. Expenses
21. Flies like an eagle
23. Early Beatles bassist Sutcliffe (or an alphabetic sequence)
24. ___ Mountains: sight visible from Calgary but not Edmonton
26. Book jacket promos
29. God of love
30. The "Little Ol' Band From Texas" (2 wds.)
32. "Gangsta" music
34. Bring home after expenses
35. Get ready to play a hole (2 wds.)
36. QB's goal : abbr.
37. Thee: Fr.
38. School vehicles
39. Belfry critters
40. Least dangerous
42. Defensive response to "Stop hitting your sister!" (2 wds.)
43. A cheer
44. Columbus's Italian birthplace
46. 640 make a square mile
49. Alero or Cutlass, in brief
50. ER workers : abbr.
53. Canada's highest peak (2 wds.)
56. Endorse politically
57. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
58. Hobby shop wood
59. TV award
60. Volcanic fallout
61. Canonized French-women: abbr.
62. Sixth sense

Down

1. Fort ___: Ontario town directly across the Niagara River from Buffalo, New York
2. A Maritime (2 wds.)
3. Night before
4. Asterisks
5. Alouette, in English
6. It's off Canada's East Coast: abbr.
7. A Maritime: initialism
8. Knight's protector
9. Expires
10. Minor automobile accident result
11. Tissue box word
12. Box for practice
14. Capt.'s subordinates: abbr.
17. Malfunction or misbehave (2 wds.)
19. Earnings
22. Approves
23. Pig feed
24. Landlord's charge
25. Sandwich cookies
26. A/C capacity measures
27. "Summer of '69" singer (2 wds.)
28. "___ say": "Alas" (2 wds.)
30. Enthusiasm
31. Last letter of the alphabet in the US
33. "Hey, you!"
35. 30-Across's first top 20 single
38. "Beauty and the ___"
39. RBC competitor
41. Canadian language
42. Special connections
44. Drinking vessel
45. Novelist Ferber
46. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
47. ___ Nostra
48. Regrets
49. Stare at
51. Canada's national police
52. The heavens
54. 16-oz. units
55. Morsel for a horse
56. Quilt-making gathering

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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		2			8			9
	7			9		5		4
		1			2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

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Saturday
23°/15°
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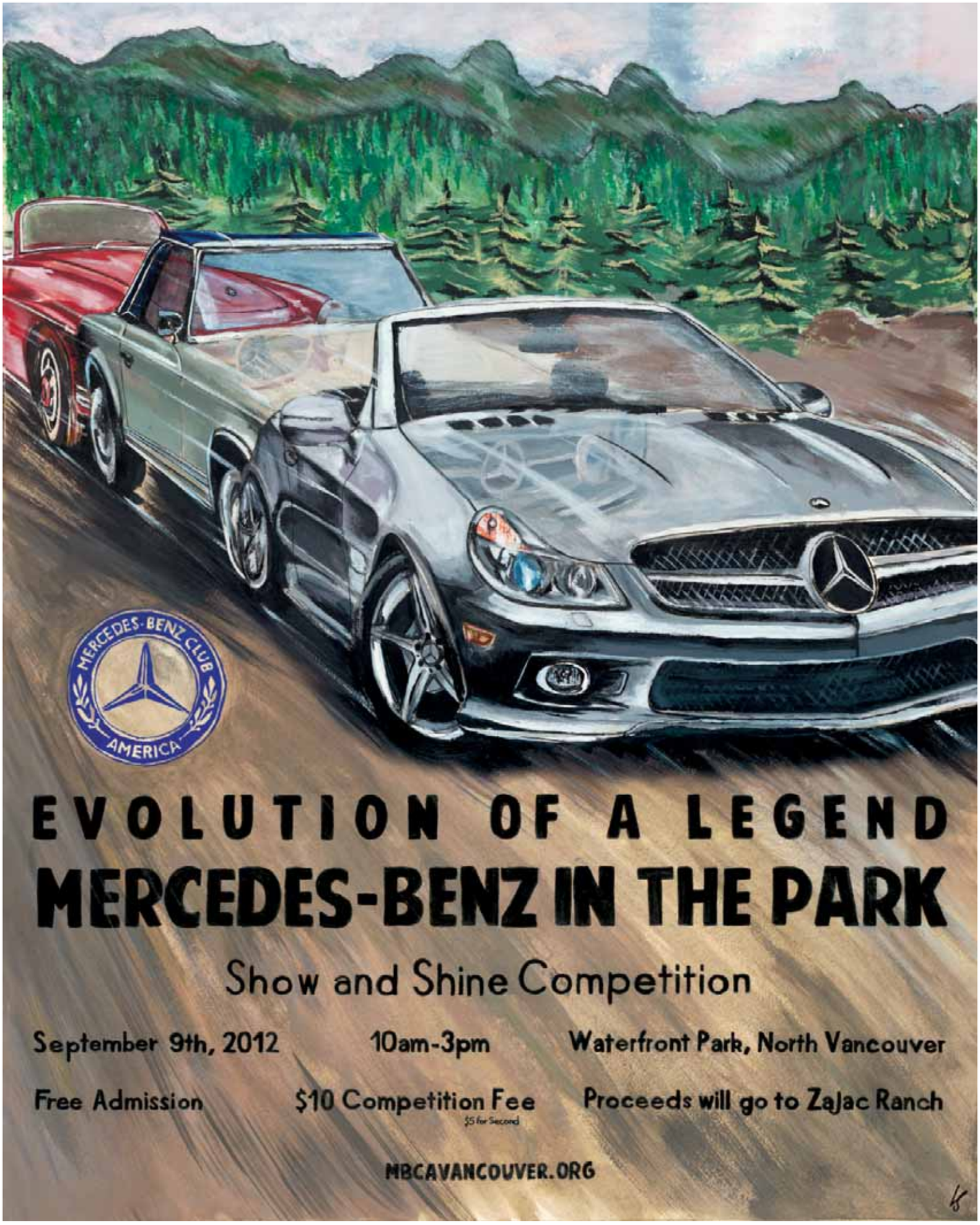

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